

### **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the Office Action of June 19, 2007 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6 were pending in this application with claims 1-3 having been rejected in the Office Action.

To summarize the claim changes made in this Amendment, claims 1, 4 and 5 have been amended. No new matter is considered to be introduced by these amendments in view of support contained in the original filed application.

The amendment to claim 1 is made for correcting informalities to claim rejections.

The amendments to claims 4 and 5 are also made for correcting informalities corresponding to the amendment to claim 1.

### **Specification Objection**

The Examiner has objected to the abstract of the disclosure for inclusion of “*duty*” after “*duty*” in line 8.

Applicants respectfully submit that this double inclusion was intended as evidenced by the disclosure of Specification, page 13, line 1. The first “*duty*” is a part of a phrase (a driving duty). The second one is a kind of symbol or algebra representing the driving duty.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted the second occurrence of “*duty*” is proper in the referenced location.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112**

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being considered indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

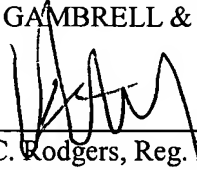
This rejection has been addressed by way of amendments of claim 1 and also by way of changing “the difference” and “the amount” to “a difference” and “an amount”, respectively. These revisions are respectfully submitted directed more so at objectionable subject matter. In other words, it is respectfully submitted that the claim revisions made herein are more appropriately classified as objectionable claim feature revisions rather than rejectable claim feature revisions, and in any event, they have been remedied by the non-narrowing amendments made in this Amendment.

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended by the same way.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, such as fees under  
37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account 02-4300; Order No.  
032405R230.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP



---

Dennis C. Rodgers, Reg. No. 32,936  
1850 M Street NW – Suite 800  
Washington, DC 20036  
Telephone : 202/263-4300  
Facsimile : 202/263-4329

Dated: September 18, 2007